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JOSEPH W. DREXEL

BORN JANUARY 18, 1830.
DIED, MARCH 25, 1888.

Mr. Drexel became a Fellow of the American Geographical Society in 1876, and a member of its Council in 1883. A man of large and liberal culture and especially devoted to music, in which his acquirements were unusually extensive and solid, he was drawn by a natural sympathy towards all organizations for the advancement of science and of art. To these he gave freely of the means which an ample fortune placed at his disposal, and not less readily of his time and his personal services.

Not to speak of his charities would be to wrong his memory.

He was not only ready to respond to an appeal; he sought out those who stood in need, and endeavored so to aid them that they might regain their energy, and take up their own burdens. These things he did without weariness and without ostentation, living with serenity and with earnestness a well-spent life.

At a meeting of the American Geographical Society held March 29, 1888, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of Joseph W. Drexel, a Fellow of this Society since 1876, and for the past five years a member of its Council, the American Geographical Society has sustained a loss not easily repaired. His association with the aims and objects of the Society was a natural outcome of the intelligence and liberal culture as well as of the genuine and active benevolence and humanity, which made him a centre of good influences in the community.

Resolved, That this Society extends its heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family of the deceased, and that a copy of these Resolutions be transmitted to them by the Secretary.
